



**BSPBF**  
BUFFALO SMALL PRESS BOOK FAIR

April 9th & 10th  
Karpeles Manuscript  
Library Museum

**What:** 2016 Buffalo Small Press Book Fair

**Where:** Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum, Porter Hall, 453 Porter Ave, Buffalo, NY

**When:** Saturday April 9th, 12-6pm, Sunday April 10th, 11am-5pm

**Who:** Writers, artists, and cultural workers from the Great Lakes Region and beyond

**News:** 10th Anniversary Buffalo Small Press Book Fair Will Be the Final Fair

After a decade of championing literary entrepreneurship, the Buffalo Small Press Book Fair will host its final event this year. The Fair has become a regional staple and a true harbinger of Spring, and as in past years, will bring together hundreds of vendors and thousands of writers & artists for one long weekend in April. Chris Fritton, long-time organizer of the Fair, says: "I'm grateful to have had the chance to run the BSPBF for ten years, but it's time to move on - Buffalo is changing & growing right now, and I think it's the perfect moment to close the door on this event and see what opportunities lie ahead."

This is the fourth year the Fair will be hosted on two days. Fritton notes "The two-day format continues to be popular; 2015 was the first year when attendance was greater on Sunday than on Saturday." Fritton also knows that holding the Fair on two days allows room for more vendors - not all vendors can vend both days, so new cultural workers can set up shop on the second day. Last year, the Fair boasted 140 vendors and close to 5,500 participants; this year he hopes to have 150 vendors and 6,000 participants.

In keeping with the agenda from previous years, the Fair will host a number of free workshops Sunday afternoon that take place concurrent with vendors selling their wares. There will also be Open Readings on Saturday during the Fair, and Saturday evening will feature an off-site small press poetry reading and after-party at Tipico Coffee, located near the venue. The 10th Anniversary Fair will have authors and artists not only from Buffalo, but also from Montreal, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, NYC, California, Washington DC, Milwaukee, and beyond.

The event will be held once again at the beautiful Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum, Porter Hall, 453 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY on Saturday April 9th and Sunday April 10th. Both vendors and attendees will be able to enjoy the food trucks Lloyd and Amy's Truck as well! The full schedule and info can be found at [www.buffalosmallpress.org/schedule](http://www.buffalosmallpress.org/schedule)

Not sure what you'll find? Vendors run the gamut from visual artists to small press poets, book artists to letterpress printers, comic book makers to do-it-yourself advocates. Fritton & co-organizer Kevin Thurston curated the Fair more this year to preserve the original intention: hosting an event that brings together a diverse cross-section of cultural workers (and enthusiasts) in a venue where they can share ideas, showcase their art, and peddle their wares.

Details of the event are available online at: [www.buffalosmallpress.org](http://www.buffalosmallpress.org) Remember this event and all the events surrounding the Fair are **free to attend and open to the general public!**

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